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SUBJ: SCHAUFEELE APPOINTMENT

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1. WE HAVE READ THROUGH ALL BACK ISSUES OF HURRIYET FOR THE
LAST TWO WEEKS IN SEARCH OF AN ARTICLE WHICH, ACCORDING TO
GREEK EMBOFF(REFTEL), WAS "INTERPRETING THE SCHAUFEELE
STATEMENT AS REPRESENTING AN INSINUATION THAT THE GREEK
ISLANDS SHOULD BE GIVEN TO TURKEY". ALL WE CAN FIND IS
AN ATHENS DATELINED NEWS STORY ON JULY 22 IN WHICH SUCH AN
ASSERTION IS MADE, BUT IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER IS WAS
MADE BY A GREEK GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN OR BY THE HURRIYET
CORRESPONDENT. FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF THE STORY,
WHICH WAS CARRIED ON AN INSIDE PAGE:
BEGIN QUOTE: GREEK GOVERNMENT DOES NOT WANT AMERICAN
AMBASSADOR BECAUSE OF HIS PRO-TURKEY BIAS--(ATHENS).
A GREEK GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT
HAD RECOMMENDED THAT WASHINGTON REVIEW ITS DECISION TO
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ASSIGN WILLIAM SCHAUFEELE AS AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO ATHENS.
THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT HIS GOVERNMENT HAD MADE SUCH A
RECOMMENDATION BECAUSE OF THE STATEMENT WHICH THE NEW
AMBASSADOR GAVE BEFORE THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS
COMMITTEE. IN FRONT OF THE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE THE
AMBASSADOR HAD SAID THAT AT THE HEART OF THE GREEK-TURKISH
DISPUTE IS THE USUSUAL AGREEMENT REACHED IN THE PAST WHICH

WAS MADE WITHOUT PAYING CLOSE ATTENTION TO THE GEOGRAPHIC SITUATION IN THE AEGEAN. HE HAD IMPLIED THAT THE GREEK ISLANDS IN THE AEGEAN SHOULD HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO TURKEY. END QUOTE.

2. COMMENT: IT IS POSSIBLE THAT, DESPITE OUR COMBING OF HURRIYET, WE MISSED THE ARTICLE CITED. ONE OF OUR POLOFFS IS HAVING DINNER WITH A GREEK COLLEAGUE TONGITH AND WILL ASK HIM ABOUT BASIS FOR ASSERTION IN REFTEL. HOWEVER, THE LAST SENTENCE IN THE STORY QUOTED ABOVE SO CLOSELY MATCHES THE LANGUAGE IN PARA 2 REFTEL THAT IT SEEMS LIKELY THAT THIS STORY IS THE ONE MENTIONED TO DEPTOFF. IT SO, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THE GREEKS ARE SCRAPING THE BOTTOM OF THE BARREL IN THEIR ATTEMPT TO JUSTIFY THEIR POSITION ON AMBASSADOR SCHAUFEL'S APPOINTMENT. EVEN IF THE AMBIGUITY ABOUT THE SOURCE OF THE LAST SENTENCE WERE RESOLVED IN THE GREEKS' FAVOR, THE SENTENCE ITSELF IS IN A NEWS REPORT, NOT AN EDITORIAL, AND IT IS BURIED ON AN INSIDE PAGE. FURTHERMORE, SO FAR AS WE HAVE NOTED IN OUR SEVEN-DAY-A-WEEK READING OF THE TURKISH PRESS, NO OTHER PAPER HAS TAKEN AN EDITORIAL POSITION PRAISING AMBASSADOR SCHAUFEL'S REMARKS AT THE SENATE HEARING OR OTHERWISE TRYING TO MAKE POLITICAL CAPITAL FOR TURKEY OUT OF ANY ASPECT OF THE CONTROVERSY. SPIERS

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